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For: NOVEL OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PRIMERS FOR PHOSPHOTIDYL INOSITOL IN BACILLUS CEREUS AND A METHOD FOR DETECTION OF BACILLUS CEREUS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action Summary of September 4, 2002, Applicants elect Claim 1, drawn to novel oligonucleotide primers, for examination, without traverse.

Claims 2-9, drawn to a method of detecting the presence of DNA in food, are cancelled. Claims 2-9 will become the subject matters of a divisional application.

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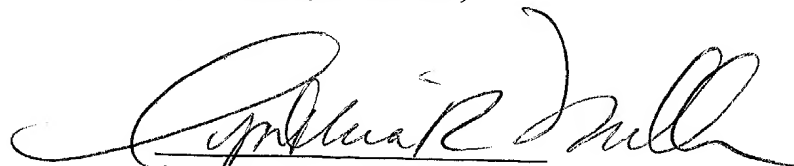
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Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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